



Archived at the Flinders Academic Commons:  
<http://hdl.handle.net/2328/27231>

This is a scan of a document number DUN/Speeches/2425  
in the Dunstan Collection, Special Collections, Flinders University Library.  
<http://www.flinders.edu.au/library/info/collections/special/dunstan/>

**Title:**

News release: Press statement by the Minister for Health: Work to start on Deer Park  
Health Centre site

Please acknowledge the source as:  
Dunstan Collection, Flinders University Library.  
Identifier: DUN/Speeches/2425

© Copyright Estate Donald Allan Dunstan



59/74

2425

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, DR D.N. EVERINGHAMWORK TO START ON DEER PARK HEALTH CENTRE SITE

Work will begin tomorrow (July 10) to prepare a two acre block of Australian Government land in the Melbourne suburb of Deer Park for a permanent community health centre.

The beginning of site works on the land comes just over three weeks after an announcement by the Minister for Health, Dr D.N. Everingham, that the Australian Government had decided to build the centre on its own land.

Dr Everingham said the Federal Government had taken this action when uncertainty arose over the re-zoning of another block of local land at Deer Park, over which the Federal Government had no responsibility.

He said that because of the urgent need for health services in the Deer Park area, the Australian Government had decided to remove this uncertainty by building the centre on Federal land.

The two acre block of land is in Station Road, immediately south of Kororoit Creek, about three hundred yards from the Deer Park shopping centre.

Dr Everingham said that completion of construction of the new permanent centre was targeted for December this year.

It would then be leased to the Deer Park Community Health Services Society which would provide the services.

Dr Everingham said that design and construction arrangements for the permanent health centre had been given a high priority by the Federal Government because, until a few weeks ago, the 10,000 people living in the Deer Park area had no local health centres.

/2...

The Federal Government had first provided a temporary community health centre in two houses in Canterbury Street, Deer Park, immediately behind the shopping centre.

This centre, which was opened on June 22, employed salaried medical practitioners, and would continue to operate until the new Federal Government-built centre in Station Road was operating.

Canberra, July 9, 1974